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GREATER AUTONOMY FOR UNIDO - AGENDA ITEM 7

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1. DOCUMENT ID/B/192 INFORMS THE IDB OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE
IDB-X WITH REGARD TO INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO GIVE UNIDO
GREATER AUTONOMY.

2. PERSONNEL MATTERS: UNDER THIS CATEGORY THE SECRETARIAT
REPORTS DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS GIVING UNIDO GREATER AUTONOMY
IN THE FIELD OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION AS APPROVED RECENTLY
BY THE SYG AND THE APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION BOARD AT UNNY.
THREE ASPECTS OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH IN PART REPRESENT
A GENERAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO UN OFFICES OUTSIDE NEW
YORK, APPEAR TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. (A) THE EXEC-
UTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO HAS BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO MAKE
APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NEW YORK UP TO AND
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INCLUDING THE P-4 LEVEL FOR RENEWABLE FIXED TERMS OF
UP TO TWO YEARS FOR SERVICE LIMITED TO UNIDO (PARA 8).
DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL (REF (B)) THAT "UNIDO ONLY APPOINT-
MENTS" OF STAFF FINANCED FROM UN REGULAR BUDGET GAVE IT
PROBLEMS WHEN MATTER CAME UP AT IDB-X. IT IS NOT CLEAR
TO US WHETHER DECISIONS OF 29TH GA, WHICH ARE CITED AS
AUTHORITY FOR DELEGATION OF INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES

TO UNIDO IN THE PERSONNEL FIELD, SPECIFICALLY COVER THIS TYPE OF SPECIAL APPOINTMENT. MOREOVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT SUCH APPOINTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO ANY PROPORTIONAL OR QUANTITATIVE LIMITS. ON THE FACE OF IT, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNDER THIS AUTHORITY COULD ASSURE THAT ALL FUTURE APPOINTMENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING THE P-4 LEVEL ARE MADE BY HIM ALONE UNDER THE CATEGORY OF "SERVICE LIMITED TO UNIDO". (B) PARA 9 REPORTS THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL DISCUSS WITH THE SYG THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCLUDING FROM GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF APPOINTED FOR SERVICE LIMITED TO UNIDO. NO JUSTIFICATION IS GIVEN FOR THIS PROPOSAL. OUR VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD OPPOSE THIS MOVE. THE ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF UNIDO WILL, IN OUR ESTIMATION, GREATLY DIMINISH THE CHANCES OF MAINTAINING AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN THE SECRETARIAT. (C) PARA 9 ALSO REPORTS THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL DISCUSS WITH THE SYG THE POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTING STAFF TO POSTS FINANCED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR SERVICE WITH UNIDO ONLY. FROM COMMENT CONTAINED LAST SENTENCE PARA 3, REF B, WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT. THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT NOTES THAT THE PROPOSALS REFERRED TO UNDER (B) AND (C) ABOVE WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO THE GA FOR DECISION.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS: PARA 15 SIMPLY INFORMS THE BOARD THAT, OWING TO THE PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATION OF A NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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UNIDO CONSTITUTION, THE SUBMISSION OF A SEPARATE PROGRAM BUDGET FOR UNIDO FOR 1978-79 COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED.

4. PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM: PARA 16 INFORMS THE BOARD OF THE REACTIVATION OF UNIDO'S PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. TO IMPROVE THE STANDARDS OF UNIDO PUBLICATIONS, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT FOR EACH MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AN AD HOC PANEL OF SUBSTANTIVE AND EDITORIAL OFFICERS BE ESTABLISHED TO ASSESS THE USEFULNESS, LOGIC, AND CLARITY OF LANGUAGE OF THE MANUSCRIPT. U.S. DEL SHOULD WELCOME AND SUPPORT THESE MOVES TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROL OF THE PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM. THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD ALSO BE QUERIED ON THE PRACTICABILITY OF THE SCREENING PROCESS PROPOSED, GIVEN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ANTICIPATED ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS. STIBRAVY

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